

TOWN OF LA POINTE
SPECIAL TOWN BOARD MEETING
TUESDAY, MAY 19, 2015
AT 4:00pm AT TOWN HALL
Approved Minutes

Present: John Carlson, Michael Childers, Jim Patterson, Mike Starck

Others Present: Micaela Montagne

1. Call to Order at 4:02pm

Motion to nominate Jim Patterson as chairperson in the absence of Greg Nelson, M. Childers/ J. Carlson, 3 Ayes, 1 abstain (J. Patterson), Motion Carried.

2. Personnel: Issues, Meetings, and Supervision:

Discussion on whether to call Attorney M. Fauerbach and K. Posewitz to discuss questions and K. Posewitz's response to Supervisor Starck's inquiries regarding the separation with P. Clark and the possibility of backing out. It was agreed that the Board does not want to back out and that they have the information they need from Fauerbach and Posewitz at this time. Clerk Montagne called them to let them know the Board will not need them at this time.

Discussion on the draft of the agreement for P. Clark, questions posed by Administrative Assistant B. Nelson as well as from Attorney P. Albrecht. Because the Town Board is not able to come to some of the conclusions because of unknown financial information, the Board thought it best that B. Nelson and P. Albrecht discuss and resolve. Motion to authorize Barb Nelson to contact Pete Albrecht to resolve technical issues in the contract/ agreement, M. Childers/ M. Starck, 4 Ayes, Motion Carried.

Other discussion on agreement questions included time constraints, P. Clark's cell phone, and if the agreement will become public record once signed.

Supervisor J. Carlson brought up that there are people on the island are owed money by P. Clark. It was mentioned that the issue does not involve the Town, and the Town does not need to promote it.

Other discussion on moving forward following the possible separation with P. Clark. M. Childers mentioned having an interim Town Administrator who could go through and discover some of the current projects and Town needs, and could then prioritize them, put together a strategy, and bring them before the board. Discussion on if Lisa Potswald would want to be the interim TA and The Board invited L. Potswald to the meeting to discuss. L. Potswald said that she would be willing to do it. This will be an agenda item for the next regular Town Board meeting. Since L. Potswald was present, the Board confirmed that she would be available to attend the hearing in Madison for Senate Bill 104.

3. William Hagen Request for Impartial Hearing, and Updates:

The Board appointed Colleen Daly as the Impartial Hearing Officer for the Town of La Pointe. Discussion on what the next steps are for the current request. The Board agrees to have P. Albrecht continue to work on the matter, and Lisa will find out what the next steps are for the process.

4. Lawsuits and Legal Issues:

An Attorney has been appointed for the Tommy Nelson case. Nothing for the Town Board to do at this time.

5. Town Administrator Job Duties and Responsibilities:

Discussion on updating the Town Administrator job description, especially prior to any advertising for hiring in the future. This item will be on the next agenda for more discussion, the Board will think about and consider whether they want to include ethics in the description, or other duties and responsibilities.

6. Ethics of Closed Session Communication:

This agenda item was requested by Supervisor J. Carlson after finding out that a Town Board member (possibly past member) gave confidential information discussed in closed session meetings to either P. Clark or his lawyer, G. Stoddard. J. Carlson talked with an Attorney from the Wisconsin Towns Association that informed him that because information was given and it may have cost the Town money, there may be grounds for an investigation. The Wisconsin Towns Association Attorney suggested contacting the District Attorney. The information regarding a Town Board member providing confidential information was also stated by Attorney P. Albrecht from information he received from Attorney Stoddard. Discussion on if there is proof of the allegations, what an investigation might mean for the town, including cost, if it would create more problems, and how the Board wants to proceed. It was decided that the Board would like to think about it and have it on the next agenda. L. Potswald will find out more information and prepare a memo.

7. Adjourn: Motion to adjourn M. Childers/ J. Carlson, 4 Ayes, Motion Carried. Adjourned at 5:09pm.

Submitted by Micaela Montagne, Town Clerk

Approved as submitted, June 9, 2015, Micaela Montagne, Town Clerk